

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 5, between lines 19 and 20 (immediately before "Brief Description Of The Drawings"), please insert the following paragraphs:

The present invention also relates to a method of suppressing appetite in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal an appetite suppressing effective amount of an appetite suppressing composition which comprises, as an active ingredient, a mixture of cyclic and/or straight chain poly lactic acids having a condensation degree of 3 to 19.

Moreover, the present invention also relates to a method of promoting basal metabolism in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal a basal metabolism promoting effective amount of a basal metabolism promoting composition which comprises, as an active ingredient, a mixture of cyclic and/or straight chain poly lactic acids having a condensation degree of 3 to 19.

Still further, the present invention also relates to a method of suppression of excessive appetite or improving obesity in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a composition which comprises, as an active ingredient, a mixture of cyclic and/or straight chain poly lactic acids having a condensation degree of 3 to 19 to suppress excessive appetite or improve obesity.